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POLICIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN; SAN JOSE, COSTA
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1. EMBOFF JUNE 25 DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT UNESCO CONFERENCE (REFTEL)
WITH BOLIVIAN DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MR FUENTES
OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. FUENTES THOUGHT IT QUITE
LIKELY THAT GOB WOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. HE NOTED THAT
BOLIVIA HAD A SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
ISSUES.

2. ON THE POLITICAL QUESTIONS FUENTES NOTED THAT OFTEN INNOCUOUS
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APPEARING RESOLUTIONS WERE PROMPTED BY OTHER AND SUSPECT MOTIVES.

HE ADDED THAT DESPITE OCCASIONAL DIFFICULTIES GOB HAD MAINTAINED
CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. HE DID NOT RPT NOT THINK HIS
GOVERNMENT WOULD ENDORSE RESOLUTIONS ATTACKING MEDIA LIBERTY.

3. GOB, HE CONCLUDED, WAS NOT INGENUOUS AND WOULD MAINTAIN AN
INDEPENDENT VIEW REGARDING POLITICALLY MOTIVATED RESOLUTIONS. HE
AGREED WITH EMBOFF THAT ATTACKS ON FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION OFTEN
DERIVED FROM SOVIETS AND EASTERN EUROPEANS. HE NOTED PARENTHETI-
CALLY THAT AT THE SAME TIME COMMUNISTS WERE BEAMING AYMARA AND
QUECHUA LANGUAGE PROGRAMS INTO BOLIVIA. GOB IS MORE CONCERNED
OVER THESE PROGRAMS THAN THOSE FROM US.

4. COMMENT: INFORMATION PARA 8 REFTEL HAD NOT RPT ARRIVED. HOW-
EVER, TO MEET DEADLINE DISCUSSION WAS BASED ON REFTEL. GOB SEEMS
AMENABLE TO DISCREET APPROACH FROM US OBSERVER DELEGATION
REGARDING ANY ITEMS THAT USG OPPOSES, ESPECIALLY IF US SUPPORT
FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS REAFFIRMED. PARKER UNQUOTE
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